



## Town of East Greenbush Conservation Advisory Council

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### Conservation Advisory Council monthly meeting

January 30, 2023 - 7PM  
East Greenbush Town Hall  
Community Room

#### Attendance:

**Members:** Jennifer Hixon (JH), Evan Barr (EB), Jennifer Dean (JD), Victoria Manieri (VM), Adam Tobey (AT)

**Also present:** Martin Daley (MD) and Madison Hrysko (MH) of Capital District Regional Planning Commission; Anna Feltham (AF) and Colleen Lallier (CL) of the Planning Board

**Recorder:** Nick Sergay

Note: meeting recordings available at <https://townhallstreams.com/towns/eastgreenbushny>

#### Meeting agenda:

- 7:00 PM - Call to order
- Review and approval of meeting minutes (Dec 12, 2022)
  - Approved. (JD moves, VM seconds)
- CDRPC Technical Assistance Grant - Kickoff for project to develop online map viewer interface for Town's Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) maps
  - MH is here to demo the functionality of the program. Interactive map with different info layers to access.
  - MD asks: what are your intended uses or users for this tool? What kinds of info would be helpful?
    - We have a worksheet that steps through different layers of the NRI that are useful for reviewing developer proposals; we'll send that on to you. (JD)
  - In the future, EG town will host this tool and be able to edit it as they see fit, including adding new information layers.
  - This tool won't replace the need for an analysis in each case. Someone will still need to go to the site, check the data and consider the surrounding areas.
  - Timeframe: aiming for final product ready by the end of March. (MD)
  - Proposal to keep access to the old tools available as well, for those who find the new web viewer hard to use (JD).
    - Discussion: that would be more trouble than it's worth.
    - We can still provide the old files on request.
  - Next steps? (7:43pm)
    - Starting to track down and transfer data layers. (MH)



- We'll check in at the next CAC meeting.
- Business item updates (7:52pm)
  - Important items to note from Board minutes/agendas
    - Planning Board (AF):
      - 26 Mountain View Ave had public hearing at first meeting in January, adjourned to first meeting in February. Lots of public comment about stormwater drainage concerns and soil type suitability.
      - Major site plan presented at second January meeting. 200 apartment units on Gilligan Road. Presentation only; lots of questions; they'll return for followup in February.
      - Immanuel Church will be looking to drop trees soon.
    - Zoning Committee (VM):
      - Met last Monday; meeting again next week.
      - Discussing Town standards, plants, lighting, etc.
      - Next meeting we'll discuss parking regulations. (AF)
  - Change in CAC members (8:07pm)
    - Evan Barr officially welcomed to the CAC.
    - Adam Tobey leaving the CAC – moving to North Greenbush.
      - “This isn't the last you've heard of me!” (AT)
      - AT will get involved up there and try to get some cooperation going between the two towns.
    - CAC can have up to 7 members so please get involved if you're interested.
  - Proposed 2023 CAC meeting dates (8:11pm)
    - No objections raised.
      - **Action item for JD: Add meeting start times to calendar posting**
    - VM proposes to approve the calendar, EB seconds.
    - Vote: JH, EB, JD, and VM approve; AT abstains.
  - Annual report (8:14pm)
    - JH has written a draft of the 2022 report.
    - JD will review this weekend.
- Other Project Discussions (8:16pm)
  - Catch Basin marking project for Hampton Manor
    - Order was placed in January. (JH)
    - Money involved was placed in the 2022 CAC budget. (AF)
    - Megan Myers of Rensselaer County Soil and Water Conservation has an intern whose time can be donated to putting up those markers. (JH)
  - Tree Sale - NYS DEC has tree sale happening now.
    - NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation has a bulk tree sale each year. Hard for a small property owner to use so many trees, but we could possibly do a purchase and redistribute. (JD)



- We could do a purchase around the time of the Bio Blitz in the Town Park and give away trees then. (VM)
- Discussion of how many trees to order.
  - Resolved: 150 starts, at \$1 apiece.
  - VM will order; JH will help with invoice.
- VM will follow up with proposed date for distribution.
- Library Exhibit on Hampton Manor Lake suggestion - Jenny and Victoria
  - We should put up an exhibit of VM's Hampton Lake photos at the EG Library exhibit space. (JH)
    - General approval.
  - Costs of printing photos can be billed to CAC budget under "Public Outreach." (AF)
- Rensselaer County Conservation Roundtable (8:39pm)
  - March 1st meeting in the new County building. JD and others will attend.
  - JD will give a 10 minute talk about NRI. AF and VM offer to contribute.
- Anything else?
  - Offboarding process (AT)
    - CAC will have to revoke AT's access to the Google drive, e.g., and copy over documents that he owns. Make sure to document this process.
- Public Comment (8:49pm)
  - Mountain View and Gilligan Road projects (David Terpening):
    - I encourage you to check out the recordings of those meetings. Lots of interesting discussion about e.g. impervious surfaces.
- Hampton Manor Lake Assessment discussion (8:54pm)
- Meeting called to close (JD proposes, VM seconds). (9:07pm)